

Application No. 10/802,984

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3-8, 10-15, and 17-21 are pending. By this Amendment, claims 1, 8, and 15 are amended.

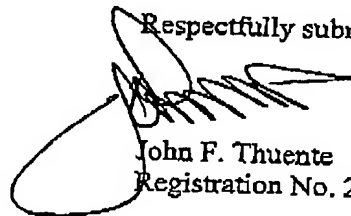
It was noted in the Advisory Action above indicated that all the pending claims were allowed. In a telephone call on June 16, 2006, the Examiner clarified that that indication was incorrect and that the claim status was as indicated in the Office Action noted above. Amendments noted above are in response to that Office Action as the response to the Office Action was not entered, as indicated in the Advisory Action.

The Advisory Action above further indicated that the term "bushinglessly" raised the issue of new matter. Applicant respectfully traverses this indication. It is clear in the Specification that the terms "bearing" and "bushing" are used interchangeably. See for example page 2, line 3.

The term "bushinglessly" was inserted in the independent claims in the Response to the Office action noted above in order to clarify what seemed to be causing confusion by the use of the term "bearinglessly." To provide further clarification in the independent claims, the phrase without employment of an intervening bushing has been substituted in the present response for the term "bearinglessly." Since the term "bearing" was used in the Specification in this case interchangeably with the term "bushing", the claims as amended do not raise new issues.

The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned if the Examiner believes it would be useful to advance prosecution.

Respectfully submitted,



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